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## KY-MCGOVERN

SAIGON (AP)-VICE PRESIDENT NGUYEN CAO KY DENIED TODAY THAT HE HAS ANY PART IN SOUTHEAST ASIA'S OPIUM TRAFFIC AND CALLED SEN. GEORGE MCGOVERN, WHO RAISED THE QUESTION, "A SECRET AGENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM."

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THROUGH HIS OFFICE, KY CHARGED THAT THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEMOCRAT "ACCEPTS MONTHLY COMMUNIST FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO SABOTAGE THE STRUGGLE OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS."

"EVERYONE KNOWS THAT MR. MCGOVERN BELONGS TO AN ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT ELEMENT, ALWAYS FLIRTING WITH COMMUNISM AND HAS PROVED HIMSELF HOSTILE TO THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM," KY SAID.

THE ALLEGATION THAT KY TAKES PART IN THE TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION OF OPIUM IS "ENTIRELY UNTRUE AND BASED ON THE IMAGINATIVE DISCOVERY OF MR. MCGOVERN," THE STATEMENT SAID.

THE SENATOR ON WEDNESDAY ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM P. ROGERS AND CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS TO COMMENT ON A REPORT IN RAMPARTS MAGAZINE THAT KY MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE OPIUM TRAFFIC. THE ARTICLE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE OPIUM INDUSTRY IN CENTRAL LAOS IS OPERATING UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE CIA.

ALLEGATIONS THAT KY WAS INVOLVED IN THE DRUG TRAFFIC WERE RAISED SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND DENIED AT THAT TIME BY HIM.

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